THE Declaration and humble Desires OF THE COMMITTEE Of the County of ESSEX, In Order to the Peace and Settlement of the KINGDOM.

THat we may discharge our Consciences to God, our duty to our Countrey, and not transmit our Memories to Posterity, as men altogether senceless of our own Interest and Welfare: We cannot but declare, That we shall adhere, to the utmost of our abilities, to the Authority of the Kingdom, in the faithful Representatives thereof; and those who shall concur with them in pursuance of such just and necessary means of our Peace and Welfare; as by them are, and shall be advised and resolved on. And in Order and Concurrence therein, do humble manifest our desires, That Justice may be impartially done, in this Opportunity, now the second time (by Gods blessing) upon your Armies, put into your hands.

That the Loans and Contributions of the Wel-affected, made in the necessity of the State, and by which, in some sort it hath been preserved, may be repayed them.

That the Souldiery may be provided for, so as the Kingdom may be eased in some measure of Taxes and Free-quarter, which eat up the very root of all real Estates, and exasperate the people against them.

That the taking of all Accompts, may be expedited, and that the product thereof, be expended towards the Discharge of the Debts of the Kingdom.

That in Order after these, the general settlement of the Common-Wealth, may be wholly intended and speeded, as the expected Fruits of all our Labors, and the ultimate end of all your Councels, and our Hopes.

Signed in the name, and by the Order of the said Committee.

By *Cornelius Wharton*,
Clerk to the Committee.